

Jesus' Final Words

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John 12:44-50

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Jesus Cries Out

- Jesus cries out this last appeal... we aren't told setting..
- 5x Jesus cried out. On the Cross^{Mt27:46; Mk15:34}; At Feast^{Jn7:37}; Lazarus' tomb^{Jn11:43}
- This cry is a missionary call by Jesus in these final public words

Jesus Came As God's Messenger

- Jesus declares He was sent⁴⁴ as He did many times before^{Jn3:16-17; 5:36-37; 6:38-39}
- People complain God doesn't fix world's problems... our problem is sin^{Isa24:5-6}
- God sent His Son - Jesus, yet *His own did not receive Him*^{Jn1:11}
- Those entrusted with teaching people God's Word failed^{Mal2:7}
- Jesus' message was profound^{Jn7:46}; challenged leaders w/ authority & signs

Jesus Reveals God to Us

- Jesus reveals God and speaks for God⁴⁵⁻⁴⁶
- Jesus came as light to people in darkness^{Jn1:5; Mt4:16}
- Jesus came to show what God is like! "see"=*theoreo* - theory - study^{Col1:15}
- We learn God is love^{1Jn3:16}. God is holy=Jesus' life and actions. Mercy...
- Man was to be God's image bearers^{Gen1:26}, Fall ruined that, but the Word became flesh^{Jn1:14}, Jesus reveals to us what true humanity should be!

Jesus is Light so We Might Believe

- Jesus came so we might not remain in darkness⁴⁶
- God in His great mercy chose us in Him before foundation^{Eph1:3-4} ...
- Believe in Jesus so that you may not remain in darkness⁴⁶

Jesus the First Missionary

- Jesus was the 1st missionary - established at Covenant of Redemption
- Before covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham... God covenanted w/ Himself
- From all eternity God planned to redeem^{Eph1:3-19; 2Tim1:9; 1Pt1:18-21; WCF III}

Jesus is the Message - Reject at great peril

- Jesus 1st came to save; later will come to judge^{Jn5:22; Mt25:31ff; Rev19:11-16; 20:11-15}
- Jesus declares final words of MERCY - believe my words - don't reject⁴⁴⁻⁵⁰
- Believe today, don't wait you will meet Jesus as Judge^{Rom14:10-12}

Jesus the Divine Missionary

- Jesus was SENT and OBEYED God's commandment^{49,50}
- Jesus was Divine Missionary sent from God with authority
- Jesus is the only way^{Jn14:6}; Let us boldly declare that^{Act4:12}
- Know the power of the Gospel^{Rm1:16} from God - use God's Word^{Rm10:17}
- Remember your authority is from God, just like Jesus said^{49,50}
- Bible shows us how to use this authority^{Act16:30,31}
- Jesus commanded: *that you believe in Him whom He has sent*^{Jn6:29}
- Let us go forth on our missionary journey empowered by Jesus!